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- 25X1 1. The two levels, road and railway, of the new Danube River bridge between Ruse, Bulgaria and Giurgiu, Rumania are nearing completion. The bridge is to be opened at the end of 1953 or early in 1954.
2. When completed, the bridge will stand on six stone pillars, all of which have been completed. The tops of the pillars will be connected by five steel arches, four of which have been completed. The one nearest the Bulgarian bank has yet to be erected. The two central pillars are very close together and ships will not be able to pass between them.
3. On the Bulgarian side, the river bank rises sharply and the distance between the last pillar and dry land is comparatively short. On the Rumanian side, the road and railroad will descend gradually to ground level because the land for a width of one kilometer is occasionally flooded.

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